

“Connecting cultures through dialogue”

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Founded in 2012, the Institute for Cultural Relations Policy (ICRP) is a non-governmental organisation fostering scientific education and public discourse regarding cultural relations policy. The institution is based in Budapest, Hungary. ICRP focuses on global intercultural dialogue and forms of cooperation between intra-cultural entities, aiming to promote the protection of International Human Rights and recognition of cultural diversity and heritage in an interdependent world.

Cultural relations policy consists of two aspects of international relations. As an integral part of foreign policy, it focuses on intercultural dialogue and policies based on common cultural heritage under international law. Interactions within intercultural relations derive from unilateral actions or considered as bilateral and multilateral ones.

Interactions within intra-cultural relations are primarily kin-state policies and/or predominantly determined by pan movements. These approaches are valid in interstate relations, interregional relations and in cooperation among states and sub national entities.

Apart from international relations, cultural relations policy exists in multicultural host countries having effect on the communication, political thought, party politics, etc. of diverse ethnic, religious or cultural groups.

Hungary's geographical location and its great accessibility in the middle of Europe make it possible for ICRP to serve as a meeting point to facilitate the public exposure of the perspectives and interests of different communities, governments, international organisations, NGOs, businesses, scholars, thinkers and common citizens, in the hope that this will contribute to the evolving process of the dialogue among civilizations through cultural diplomacy.



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The Institute for Cultural Relations Policy finds it very significant to organise comprehensive international conferences about relevant and actual intercultural topics. Over the past year and a half we managed to organize three international conferences that provided very positive results and fruitful cooperation with our partners as well as presenters.

The first international conference named "The Balkans Dialogue: Conflict Resolution and EU Accession Politics in the Balkans and Turkey" was held in 8-9 February 2013 at Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences, Budapest. The main objective of the meeting was to bring together experts from various social areas and enable them to present their attitudes and perspectives on the political science, sociology, law, history, economic research and cross border cooperation within the Balkans region and Anatolia. The intercultural session was supported by three organizations and hosted guests from different communities, governments, international organisations and representatives of the civil society in the form of NGOs, scholars, thinkers and common citizens.

The Balkans Dialogue



During the two days of the conference 27 guest speakers held their presentations in front of an audience of 77 participants. Conference topics were related to concrete subject matters within: political, economic and legal aspects in ethnic and national minority conflict resolution, impacts of European Union accession policies / processes and emerging security challenges. There were many relevant benefits arising from participation at the conference, including the opportunity to present research within a unique forum and collaborate with experts from wider regions and around the world or to get in touch with different views and new approaches as well as to get more knowledge about foreign relations of the Balkan countries and Turkey.

The following keynote presenters were invited to the conference:

- H.E. Gordan Grlić Radman, Ambassador of Croatia to Hungary
- H. E. Darko Angelov, Ambassador of Macedonia to Hungary
- H. E. Željko Janjetović, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Hungary
- Edit Lőrinczné Bencze, lecturer at Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences
- Ferenc Bösenbacher, Director, Center for Security and Defense Studies Foundation
- Ömer Bilal Almak, President, Dialogue Platform Association, Hungary
- András Lőrincz, founder of the Institute for Cultural Relations Policy



Further information as well as pictures from the conference can be found on the following link:
<http://culturalrelations.org/Pages/the-balkans-dialogue.html>

The second international conference organised by the Institute for Cultural Relations Policy was called "National Question in Central Europe: Democratic Responses to Unresolved National and Ethnic Conflicts" and hosted by the King Sigismund College in March 2013. The keynote speakers of the event included academics and directors of various NGOs and think tanks from the Central European region, as well as representatives of the Hungarian government. There were almost 20 presenters and nearly 100 participants from more than 10 countries that took part at the three days lasting conference.

The main aim of the conference was to provide a forum to researchers, experts, young intellectuals, political actors, decision makers and other stakeholders involved in social sciences to present their views about the solution of Central European national challenges and problems. The meeting attempted to provide a better insight into the historical, social and political aspects of the national question in Central Europe through various ideas, visions and opinions about ethnic minority issues, national identity questions, interstate relations, conflict resolution, legal issues and integration policies. The ICRP initiated this forum to facilitate better understanding of the cultural diversity of Central Europe besides political, economic and legal aspects in ethnic and national minority conflict resolution.



The following keynote speakers were attended the National Question conference:

- Prof. Dr. Tibor Várady, Former Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. University Professor at the Legal Studies Department of the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. Member of the Hague Permanent Court of Arbitration. Member of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
- Dr. Levente Salat, President of the Ethnocultural Diversity Resource Center (EDRC Romania), Associate Professor at Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania. Member of the Scientific Council of the Research Institute of Ethnic and National Minorities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
- Oľga Gyárfašova, PhD, co-founder, Program Director and Senior Research Fellow of the Institute for Public Affairs (IVO Slovakia) and lecturer at Comenius University in Bratislava.
- Ádám Szesztay, Director of the Strategic Planning Department of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Prof. Dr. Lia Pop, Dean of Faculty of Political Science and Media Studies, University of Oradea, Romania.
- Katinka Beretka, member of the Hungarian National Council in Serbia.

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The third cross-border conference initiated by the ICRP was named "Prospects for the European Union: Borderless Europe?" held in October 2013 and hosted by Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences. During two days of conference, there were 15 guest speakers holding their presentations, plus 3 in absentia presenters in front of the audience of approximately 65 participants. The conference welcomed presentations on the cultural studies, sociology, geography, political science, law, history, economics research and cross border cooperation within the European Union and its wider region. The central objective of the conference was to provide a forum to facilitate the exchange of various perspectives and information from different social and cultural spheres.

Principal themes analysed at the meeting were the following:

- Further European integration: How far to enlarge?
- European Union: New regionalism?
- Countries attitude towards EU integration and EU policies
- Cultural pluralism in the EU: National or European identity?
- European citizenship
- Minority and immigration issues
- Security issues and future of joint military operations
- New horizons: Multi-speed Europe?
- Workforce mobility
- Youth unemployment in Europe
- Economic and financial crisis / European competitiveness
- Sustainable development in the EU
- EU institutions: Structures, governance, legislation
- Euroscepticism



The rich conference programme included presentations of guest and invited speakers that consisted of diplomats, scholars, acting and former leading politicians or government officials from across Central and Eastern Europe.

The keynote presenters were the following:

- Prof. Péter Balázs, Former Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, former ambassador of Hungary to Denmark and Germany, former European Commissioner holding the Regional Policy portfolio. Professor at the International Relations and European Studies Department of the Central European University (CEU), Budapest.
- Prof. György Schöpflin, Member of the European Parliament, member in the Parliament's Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO) and Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET). Until recently he was teaching at the University of London and the University of Bologna, Italy.
- H.E. Roman Kowalski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Hungary.
- H.E. Gordan Grlić Radman, Dr., Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Hungary.
- László Dux, Dr., Director, Department for EU Justice and Home Affairs and Enlargement, MFA, Hungary.
- Gyöngyvér Hervainé Szabó, CSc. Dr. habil., Scientific Director of Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences.
- Martina Maczalová, EU Regional Coordinator of OCEANS Network.



Further information as well as pictures from the conference can be found on the following link:
http://culturalrelations.org/Pages/borderless_europe.html

The ICRP regularly publishes new contributions to its six series of publications which deal with cultural relations policy. The Cultural Relations Policy News & Background magazine was launched in 2012 while the Cultural Relations Quarterly Review was first published in 2014, and are produced with a significant cooperation with our interns.



CRP News & Background

Cultural Relations Policy News & Background was established in 2012 as a part of ICRP Monthly Review Series. Its central mission is to provide information and analysis on key international political events. Each issue covers up-to-date events and analysis of current concerns of international relations on a monthly basis.

Cultural Relations Quarterly Review is a quarterly based publication. Its fundamental objective is to provide information and analysis on contemporary international political happening. Each issue covers in-depth analysis of international relations written by participants of ICRP Internship Programme and members of ICRP Advisory Board. The Editorial Board of Cultural Relations Quarterly Review is an international team of highly-qualified scholars and professionals of various academic disciplines (e.g.: International Relations, Political Science, Political Theory, Economics and Migration Policy). Altogether the group consists of 9 members, who came from different segments of the world as the aim of the Institute was to represent a diversity of perspectives on different issues.

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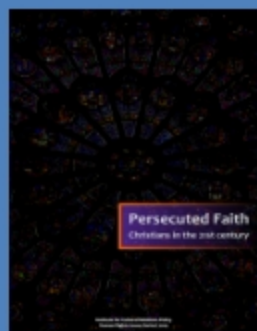
The **Research Paper Series** includes working papers, original research studies, reflective essays by authors affiliated with ICRP, and major reports generated by ICRP related research projects. The Institute for Cultural Relations Policy publishes online research papers and essays that reflect multi-disciplinary fields, contribute to influencing and expanding the body of research on cultural relations policy, and enhance dialogue among researchers, policy makers and the public.



ICRP Resources are produced by associates of partner institutions and participants of ICRP Internship Programme. The Resources include online resource materials and documents that might be beneficial for students, researchers or anyone who deal with International Relations.



Conference Publications contain all material that is published in relation to our events, including but not limited to the conference's booklet of abstracts and the conference proceedings that result. Until now the ICRP has organized three international conferences and thus compiled three conference publications named by the conferences. The Conference Publications are the following: The Balkans Dialogue conference, National Question in Central Europe conference, Prospects for the European Union: Borderless Europe conference.



The **Human Rights Issues Series** is an ICRP initiation devoted to the issue of international human rights protection and conflict resolution. The volumes of Human Rights Issues Series focus on diverse topics regarding universal human rights and civil liberties. Each volume concentrates on current changes in the application of such rights both in national and international level as well as its effects on international relations.



The ICRP Blog provides a unique opportunity for young professionals to express their views on current international affairs. The aim of the blog is not giving an objective and neutral point of view but to show possible aspects in a personal way. Most blog entries are written by the Institute's interns but it is opened for everyone who has a strong opinion or impression about international cultural, political, or economic topics. If you feel like expressing your own view about specific international issues, don't hesitate to contact us!



The Institute for Cultural Relations Policy considers real-time issues of international relations of utmost importance, thus in 2013 it initiated a steady basis of international forum to discuss such issues.

The blog was created in order to emphasize the mission of ICRP: "Connecting cultures through dialogue".

Cultural relations in another way

"CONTEMPORARY ANTI-SEMITISM"

"LIFE OF A REFUGEE - UNDERSTANDING MORE"

"MIDEAST TALKS IN JERUSALEM: ODDS AND PROSPECTS"

"DEEPENING COOPERATION OF CHINA AND THE ASEAN COUNTRIES"

"PAKISTANI ACTIVIST GIRL GAINED A HUMAN RIGHT PRIZE"

"COOPERATION IS POSSIBLE"



By the interviews of "ICRP Video Series" we would like to present the opinion of diplomats, experts, politicians about cultural diplomacy and about the relations with ethnic minorities beyond the borders. We have already had remarkable guests, such as André Erdős, former ambassador and representative of Hungary to the United Nations.



By representing different points of view and opinions while bringing practical examples, our aim is to improve the quality of Hungarian and international scientific dialogue and to intensify the interest in these subjects.

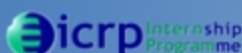


You can find the previous interviews on our YouTube Channel on the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/icrpbudapest>

Since our foundation in 2012 we have conducted what we consider to be a very popular and successful internship program. Over the past 1.5 years, a sum of 22 interns joined us for diverse periods of time in order to gain experience in their future-to-be field of employment.



We continually accept applications for intern positions and we are currently having five active interns at the Institute. We prioritise employing interns whose university studies correspond with our field of activity. Apart from Hungarian students from various universities, we have employed interns via the Erasmus program from numerous European countries like Turkey, Germany, Slovakia and Croatia.



Our interns are committed to help the Institute conduct its activities. They join us in our research on worldwide cultural relations and they take part in organizing and attending international conferences, where they also have the opportunity to make interviews with politicians and keynote speakers. Furthermore, it is their responsibility to edit and write articles for our Cultural Relations Review monthly e-journal, which significantly boosts their skills in journalism.

"I feel I have selected the perfect organization to complete my internship at. Not only do I get to widen my knowledge on contemporary international affairs but also I believe that my work here is relevant, and this grants me both confidence and pride."

-- Endre András Kozma (International Relations BA, Corvinus University, Budapest)



"I enjoyed my internship because of the various international conferences where I could meet and listen to lecturers from all over the world. Besides that, I think the ICRP offers many opportunities, for instance writing articles for its magazine or join international projects abroad."

-- Norbert Imre (International Relations, Budapest Business School)

"I had a really excellent time at ICRP. I learnt a lot about the actual issues of international relations, while being part of an unquestionably constructive team. I think that my time spent as an intern at ICRP will be an unforgettable memory of my life, and an invaluable asset in my future career."

-- Márton Vajda (International Relations BA, Corvinus University, Budapest)



"My internship at ICRP was my first job and I really enjoyed the time I spent working for this young and inspiring institute. I could do what I am interested in: I wrote articles and blog posts, and I even had the opportunity to interview a well-known diplomat. I think it is underrated nowadays how important it is to give students the opportunity to do what they really want in terms of internships – and this is exactly what I got from the ICRP, thank you!"

-- Noémi Radnai (Law, ELTE University, Budapest)



"ICRP internship was a great professional experience for me. I could do what really interested me under professional control. I think it helped me a lot to correct my major mistakes in these fields, while it was also fun to work in such a team."

-- Eszter Balogh (International Relations BA, Corvinus University, Budapest)



"The time I spent at ICRP as an intern gave me the opportunity to get a greater look to the organization of international conferences and to meet interesting people from all over the world which both proved to be a really good experience. Besides work, I could also enjoy the lectures given by the participants of the conferences that came really useful for my studies as well."

-- Nikoletta Szilovics (International Studies BA, Corvinus University, Budapest)

"Working for the ICRP was absolutely useful. I could use in practice what I have learnt at the university and I had the chance to meet people who could help my career. Working for them was also fun, I worked in a great atmosphere in a flexible time."

-- Ádám Sashalmi (Geography and International Relations MA, ELTE University, Budapest)

"The internship programme in the ICRP gives a great opportunity to gain useful work experiences in the field of international relations, political science or journalism. Personally, as a student of international relations, I was given a chance to develop my professional skills by writing and editing articles to the ICRP online publications and thus, develop my writing technique."

-- Zuzana Balcova (International Relations MA, Metropolitan University, Prague)

"Internship programme at the ICRP was a great opportunity to enrich my theoretical knowledge by fundamental principles of current affairs and learn new ideas in different fields. It provided a multicultural environment for learning about different cultures and skills during different tasks and importantly improving the ways of thinking with other interns. I feel proud to be the part of the ICRP internship programme."

-- Wazir Ali Baber (International Relations MA, Turkey/Pakistan)

"Doing a summer internship programme at ICRP is an outstanding opportunity to gain some invaluable experience for all International Relations and Politics students. Not only because you work with a dynamic, active and passionate team; but also because you can get engaged in or further scrutinize worldwide conflicts and global issues. Moreover, the organization offers a great variety of activities, thus everyone can find one's own specialisation/interest. I indeed enjoyed my one month internship at the institute."

Dóra Hegedűs (International Relations BA, Queen Mary University of London,)

"I found this internship while being an Erasmus Student in Budapest. I appreciated the working atmosphere as being part of a young creative team which also allows you to work independently. It offered me a great insight into the work of an NGO in an intercultural multinational surrounding."

-- Lisa See (Political Science BA, Friedrich Schiller University of Jena)

The ICRP actively participates in international projects, bringing people together from different countries to work on specific issues. All of these projects have a topic that determines the main programme. These topics can be cultural, political, social, etc... During the project days, participants spend a lot of time together, contributing to workshops, giving presentations and getting to know to each other's culture. The projects give a great opportunity for the participants to improve their communication skills in English and to experience international teamwork in a multicultural environment.



"I participated in two projects with the ICRP and I can say that both of them were remarkable international experiences for me. First, I travelled to Turkey, where we examined the social effects of television with Turkish, Romanian and Hungarian participants. It was the second phase of a three-round project that started a few months ago in Budapest. In Turkey, apart from the workshops and meetings with politicians, we could get to know to Turkish culture and spirit while spending time with local people."



"The second project I participated in took place in Amsterdam. The programme brought together Dutch, Turkish and Hungarian people to talk about the vocational education in these countries and to find a solution for the main problems of this issue. All participants gave a presentation about their own country's system that provided a great opportunity to improve our presentation skills in English in front of an international audience."

"In the near future I will participate in the third round of the television project I could get to know in Turkey; in the end of December with three other Hungarian participants we will travel to Bucharest for further discussions about the issue. I hope it will be as successful and enjoyable as the previous ones and we will come to some final conclusions."



We think it is important that our partners and readers could contact us in a non-formal way and that new people could discover our activities. This is why social media has an outstanding role in the Institute's life. The ICRP is presented in different social media networks such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn where our readers and followers can get daily updates about our programmes, publications and events.



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The activity of the Institute has been recognized and written about in multiple newspapers and e-journals. Links to the respective articles can be found at the website.

Early in 2013, an article presenting the profile and the main goals of the Institute was published on kitekinto.hu, a well-known Hungarian news portal concerning foreign affairs. Later in the year, in September, kitekinto.hu made an interview with the founders of the Institute based on which it published detailed information about the ICRP.

Following the international conference about the Western Balkans organized by the Institute, MTI (Hungarian National News Agency) published an article in February 2013, summarizing the speeches of keynote speakers of the conference. The same article was published in several Hungarian regional papers as well, such as Borsod and Szabolcs counties' daily papers.



The media also had our latest conference in its scope. Prior to the conference, KáVé, the online portal of Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences, wrote an article giving a foretaste of the upcoming event. After the conference, KáVé published a summary of the forum, so did Magyar Hírlap, one of the most popular newspapers in Hungary. The OCEANS Network's participants of the conference also published an article about the event, giving us much appreciated feedback on our activity.

OCEANS Network: OCEANERS in Borderless Europe!

"We are happy that we could participate in this pleasant and interesting venue where we could know better the EU and find our part in contribution of building its future. We also believe that conference 'Prospects for the European Union: Borderless Europe?' is beginning of very successful and fruitful cooperation between the OCEANS Network and the Institute for Cultural Relations Policy."

Cultural Diplomacy Dictionary of the Academy for Cultural Diplomacy: Institute for Cultural Relations Policy (ICRP)

"Its activities are centered on the core belief that international peace and stability are only possible through the preservation of cultural diversity and a common cultural heritage. ICRP's ultimate goal, therefore, is to enhance cross-cultural understanding and cooperation between different peoples and societies as a means to achieve greater global unity. Over the years, the organization has dedicated much of its efforts to international human rights protection and conflict resolution."

Magyar Hírlap: Conference about the future of the European Union

"The presentations were mainly about the enlargement of the European Union, regionalism, the duality of national and EU identity, security policy and about the EU's economic crisis and sustainable development. The conference was considered really successful by Péter Krisztián Zachar, who is Head of the Department of History of Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences and was also one of the presenters of the conference. As he mentioned, many young researchers from Middle and Eastern European regions arrived with presentations that could demonstrate significant practical results."

KáVé: Nemzetközi konferencia a KJF-en

"During the current, two-day conference the participants examine the European Union's economic prospects, as well as the legal and social challenges and the possible changes of the Union's future. The importance of the issue is shown by the fact that 29, mainly foreign lecturers have indicated their intention to participate."

Kitekintő: Get to know to the Institute for Cultural Relations Policy (ICRP) Knowledge Center

"...our Institute tries to set up a platform that can serve as a meeting point for the representatives of different communities, governmental organisations, NGOs, diplomats, young professionals and simple citizens as well. By the presentation of different positions and interests we would like to contribute to the communication between cultures. Our aim is to understand the changes in international relations, to explain, to predict and to analyse."

The Institute for Cultural Relations Policy places great importance on the building of international cooperation through the creation of partnerships with relevant international partners including independent institutions, NGOs, INGOs and educational organisations. The primary objective of this partnership strategy is to contribute to researches and education within cultural relations policy. The ICRP welcomes all initiatives aimed at fostering the dialogue of cultures through cultural diplomacy. Our academic partners and not-for-profit organisations are:



ACTURCA: Actuality ala Turca is our international partner that is engaged in providing news from the current Turkish political happening as well as from the area of international issues that are relevant for Turkish internal policy.

Chair of Ethnocultural Politics of the Jagiellonian University is a recently established polish partner of the ICRP that was created within the Jagiellonian University in Krakow in order to foster academic and cultural dimension of the University. Besides the Chair, the **Institute of Regional Studies** of the Jagiellonian University is also our international partner.

Dialogue Platform Association is a Hungarian institution that mainly aims to support and promote Turkish-Hungarian cultural relations through comprehensive cultural dialogue. The Association also fosters awareness of the Turkish and Hungarian feasts and celebrations. It was founded in 2005 by Hungarian and Turkish intellectuals, scientists and volunteers.



Ege Strategic Research Center is a research-based and teaching-oriented institution with an international perspective. The Center was established within the Ege University that is situated in Izmir, Turkey. The Strategic Research Center encourages critical intellectual development, combines research and teaching and redefines educational goals of this millennium.



ELTE University of Budapest is Hungary's oldest, largest and most prestigious research university. Its **Faculty of Law and Political Sciences** maintains wide-ranging international relations and promotes intensive regional co-operation in legal education.



Galax Ltd. is the main distributor of Panasonic and 3M visual products for the conferences organized by the Institute for Cultural Relations Policy.





GreenWill - For a greener globe is our international partner that promotes “green policy”. Its vision is an environmentally conscious mindset of all organizations across the world. The institution attempts to encourage all companies, organizations and individuals to adopt a green policy and implement environmental practices in all operations.

Jeunesse Sans Frontieres is a Tunisian association that aims to contribute to the cultural dialogue and promotion of cultural plurality and diversity. The institute attempts to foster the development and consolidation of the values of active citizenship and national identity among the youth.



King Sigismund College is a Hungarian partner of the ICRP that introduces a standard quality educational system. The College’s objective is to effect an educational organization and activities that enable the college to cooperate with any other higher educational institution within Hungary and the European Union. It also aims to create and enhance the legal security.



Kitekinto.hu is a relevant international news portal that is engaged in current international affairs.



KITEKINTÓ.HU

Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences is a Hungarian partner that was established in 1992. Nowadays it provides education for more than 10,000 students in the areas of business administration, communication, tourism, linguistics, humanities, applied social studies, international relations, performance arts and continuing education. The University College operates in three different locations throughout the country.



OCEANS Network is an international institution that is committed to provide students with specific bi-lateral exchange programmes between the European Union on the one side and the industrialised countries (Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea and the USA) on the other side. The student exchanges aim to promote better relations between people, improve intercultural understanding and knowledge transfer.



South-East Europe is an international journal that intends to offer a scientific forum to encourage open, independent and objective thinking and communication. The journal aims to share a comprehensive portrait of the South-East Europe region.



ICRP website aspires to provide the readers possibly the latest news about the Institute's life and events as well as different publications that can help the work of professionals. You can find there research papers about several topics, as well as the Quarterly Review, the monthly published News & Background and other issues. As it is the main source of information for the visitors and lecturers about the international conferences, the number of the visitors has already reached almost 7,000.

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The ICRP considers it important to provide academic and comprehensible articles, essays and other written materials about cultural relations, thus we made a calendar of the most important historic events of cultural relations. A brief summary about the notion of cultural relations policy and explanations are also available on the website.



In the future we would like to keep going on with our projects while improving them as much as possible. We are planning to continue the ICRP Video Series representing more public opinions, to make available further publications, and give professional experience for more students with the internship programme.

Concerning international projects, we would like to participate in more of them and organise on our own as well, bringing together people from different countries and cultures. Organising international conferences will still remain a priority for us – with some changes although. Apart from the current, larger “forums” we intend to make one-day-long events for scientific dialogue as well as trainings based on specific issues and topics. Our next larger project will be a summer university where we would like to foster intercultural dialogue while giving practical knowledge to participants.

We consider outstandingly important to improve our social network and to launch ICRP activities in different countries. This way later it would be possible to organise international conferences not only in Hungary, but in other countries as well.

The ICRP intends to establish a scholarship for young professionals who are committed to international and cultural relations by contributing to the mission of the Institute with their time, expertise and engagement. The Institute is willing to support undergraduate and graduate students with the background of International Relations, Political Science, Sociology, Journalism and other related fields of studies on a monthly base.



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